

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, July 10, 2018
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, July 10, 2018, at 11:30 o'clock a.m. in the Small Conference Room of the City-County Building for the monthly agenda review meeting. In attendance were: Planning Commissioners, Gayle Bustin, Tamara Boyer, Elizabeth Eason, Charles Thomas, Mac Goodwin, Scott Smith, Richard Graf, Art Clancy, III, Janice Tocher, Vice Chair of MPC, Dr. Charles Lomax, Jr., Jeffrey Roth, Lou Browning, Patrick Phillips and Mike Crowder.

Also in attendance were MPC Executive Director, Gerald Green and various MPC Staff members

Mr. Green called the meeting to order at 11:46 o'clock a.m. and turned the meeting over to Vice Chair Janice Tocher who expressed gratitude from the Commission and from MPC Staff for the tenures of retiring Commissioners Rebecca Longmire, Herb Anders and Laura Cole. Commissioner Tocher gave a brief recital of their accomplishments and commitment to the Planning Commission. Ms. Longmire and Mr. Anders, who were present, arose to receive plaques acknowledging their participation and each made brief comments in praise of their tenure. Ms. Cole was not available at the meeting due to family commitments, but she, along with the other retiring commissioners, received warm applause for their service.

Mr. Green then introduced the three newly appointed commissioners, Tamara Boyer, Lou Browning and Richard Graf who each in turn introduced themselves to the Commission.

Mr. Green then provided the monthly Executive Director's Report, which included the following:

1. Recode Knoxville continues. Staff, along with the Urban League and others, are reaching out to underrepresented populations with delivery of surveys for comments on the proposed new ordinance. A second draft of the ordinance is being delivered by the consultant in sections, and four community meetings to review the proposed language have been scheduled for August.

2. Hardin Valley continues to be a major focus of Staff and various departments with Knox County Government. Meetings have been conducted in the last month with developers, and efforts are being made to include all stakeholders into the discussions. County Commission has requested MPC for a Community Plan for Hardin Valley, and Staff is anticipating methods with which to incorporate a Community Plan with the ongoing Mobility Plan study in an effort to create efficiencies. Meetings with regard to the Mobility Plan continue.

3. The John Sevier Scenic Corridor Plan is now in its final stages with the next stakeholder meeting being scheduled for later this week.

4. A Kick-off call with Staff on the Chapman Highway Implementation Plan has been scheduled along with various community meetings.

5. The renovation of MPC's offices continues. Some staff will be able to move into the new space by September.

6. MPC Staff is meeting with Knox County School Board Staff to see about coordinating student population with MPC recommendations actions. Plans have been made for School Board Staff to meet with MPC Staff on a quarterly basis.

7. An intern from UT's School of Architecture has joined MPC and is working on the Chapman Highway Implementation Plan.

8. Staff has received a request for a review for various sections of the Knox County Zoning Ordinance, which work will be undertaken in the following weeks.

Tom Brechko of MPC Staff then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 7 on the July Agenda, and responded to questions from Commissioners regarding the sidewalk and trail proposals found in the prior iteration of the application. There followed a general discussion regarding pavement width and adequacy of the latest revisions to the application.

Mr. Brechko then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 8 and responded to questions regarding the detention basin design.

Mike Reynolds of MPC Staff then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Items 10 and 15 which originate from the same applicant. Mr. Reynolds noted that late revisions to the application have been received to allow the application to be available for consideration on Thursday's meeting notwithstanding the recommendation for postponement. It is anticipated that Staff will provide a revised recommendation on both Items after the revisions have been reviewed. Commissioner Graf inquired why the proposed sidewalks were being built on the interior of a circle which would not connect with any other existing sidewalks, and a discussion ensued.

Mr. Brechko then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 44.

Mr. Reynolds then explained the Staff Recommendation for postponement of Agenda Item 45.

Mr. Green then explained a pending request from the applicant on Agenda Item 53 to allow for a consideration of the application even though a previous request for an automatic postponement had been received.

At this time, John King, a local attorney of excellent reputation representing the applicant, rose to advise Commission that the applicant would not be pursuing his request for withdrawal of the automatic postponement request, and would be willing to take up the matter consistent with the advertised postponement.

Mr. Brechko then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 56 and responded to Commissioners questions.

Mr. Brechko then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 41.

Mr. Brechko then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 42, after which followed a general discussion regarding the evolving nature of the area surrounding the property at issue, and the potential need to examine that area next time the appropriate Sector Plan is up for review.

There being no further business, the Agenda Review meeting was duly adjourned.

This 10th day of July, 2018.

Recording Secretary